

APPROVED
MINUTES
NORTHWEST PROGRESSO – FLAGLER HEIGHTS
REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 25, 2015 – 3:30 P.M.

Cumulative Attendance
May 2014 - April 2015

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Steve Lucas, Chair	P	7	0
Ella Phillips, Vice Chair (arr. 3:43)	P	6	1
Jessie Adderley (arr. 3:49)	P	7	1
Sonya Burrows (arr. 3:40)	P	8	0
Ron Centamore	P	8	0
Alan Gabriel	P	6	2
Camille Hansen	P	5	0
Mickey Hinton (arr. 3:40)	P	6	2
Brice Lambrix (arr. 3:40)	P	4	3
Dylan Lagi	P	8	0
Mark Mattern	P	8	0
Dr. Rosalind Osgood	P	3	0
Yvonne Sanandres	A	4	4
Scott Strawbridge	P	8	0
John Wilkes	P	5	2

Currently there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

It was noted that a quorum was present at the meeting.

Staff

Alfred Battle, Deputy Director of Sustainable Development
Donald Morris, Economic Reinvestment Administrator
Vanessa Martin, Financial Analyst
Audrey Gough, Economic Development Aide
Thomasina Turner-Diggs, CRA Project Coordinator
Bob Wojcik, Planner III
Lisa Edmondson, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communication to City Commission

Motion made by Ms. Burrows, seconded by Vice Chair Phillips, that the Advisory Board participate in the property disposal process for those properties within the CRA boundaries. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Lucas called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2015 Meeting

Motion made by Mr. Gabriel, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to approve [as amended].

Mr. Strawbridge noted a correction to p.5, paragraph 1: "legislation" should be changed to "litigation."

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Chair Lucas advised that a joint session with the CRA Board has been scheduled for April 7, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Board has been asked to develop an Agenda for this session.

III. Presentation – Grace Kewl

Grace Kewl, Broward County Arts Administrator, advised that the Sistrunk Arts Partnership is a way to strengthen connectivity between redevelopment stakeholders, residents, visitors, and arts and cultural assets in the CRA area. The Partnership plans to introduce activities to bring people in the community together. Entities such as the Old Dillard Museum, the Sistrunk Historical Festival, the City Parks and Recreation Department, and the Florida Atlantic University Center for Urban Environmental Solutions are participating in this effort, and additional agencies and organizations have expressed interest in participating as well.

The types of activities to be pursued under the Partnership are professional and business development for artists, cultural organizations, and creative businesses; affordable commercial and residential space; and community art space for local youth and adults. This will engage and increase access to the arts and tourism by both residents and visitors, and foster collaborations between artists and arts and cultural organizations, with a focus on the Sistrunk area.

The Sistrunk Arts Partnership is seen as a long-term sustainable endeavor focusing on assets within the arts, cultural, and creative industries. Ms. Kewl noted that in her work with the neighborhood, she has found a need for greater continuity and collaborative

partnership to bring different types of resources together. To launch the Partnership, three activities have been planned:

- Story Square at Sistrunk Park: installation of an interactive engagement portal to provide an opportunity to communicate with the public and secure more input about ongoing work;
- April 9 History Night: both the Old Dillard Museum and the Sistrunk Historical Festival have confirmed their participation in this event, which will allow a broad cross-section of the community to learn what Florida Atlantic University (FAU) has been doing in the area, provide historical knowledge, and share stories;
- Art Walk Night: a more expanded version of History Night will be presented on May 30, the night of the Art Walk, in order to bring the community together.

Dawn Robinson Patrick, Broward 100 Events Coordinator, explained that in October 2014, Broward County launched a year of events to connect the community through arts and culture. One example of this activity is Inside Out Broward, which mirrors an effort begun in Paris when an artist pasted images of community residents on the sides of buildings. This and other projects are intended to celebrate Broward County's centennial by showcasing its communities. Photographs will be archived online so they may be seen worldwide.

Ms. Kewl advised that three of the County's magnet schools dedicated to the arts are located in the vicinity of the project and have expressed interest in participating. Ms. Patrick added that Broward 100 will provide a photographer and will undertake the printing and pasting of each photograph. Another proposal of the project is the placement of double-sided signs in free-standing installations throughout the community, including Sistrunk Park.

Ms. Kewl clarified that Sistrunk Park was selected as one location for the project because it is an underused asset within the neighborhood. She has reached out to various stakeholders and organizations to determine their level of interest. Mr. Centamore noted, however, that he was not aware of any outreach into his neighborhood or its residents from FAU or other entities affiliated with the project. He recommended additional community outreach to these and other residents.

Chair Lucas asked if the County has provided any funds toward the project. Ms. Kewl emphasized the need for partnership between the County and the Sistrunk area. She added that the project is intended to be sustainable and to contribute to Broward County's cultural and economic development goals. The Cultural Division has a financial partnership with the Broward County School District, which provides professional development and artist residencies and will be integrated into the project.

Ms. Patrick provided additional information about the Broward centennial, which began on October 1, 2014 and will conclude in October 2015. The goal is to include 100 projects throughout the County during the centennial year.

Motion made by Dr. Osgood, seconded by Vice Chair Phillips, to support the work.

It was clarified that the project's representatives would extend outreach into the CRA's neighborhoods and bring back a more clearly defined request to the Board before funding is provided. The **motion** is one of conceptual support.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion – Joint Workshop Agenda

Chair Lucas advised that the Board should seek to establish an outline for its joint workshop meeting with the CRA Board. He suggested that the members contribute ideas for this discussion, which would then be grouped into three to five categories.

The members proposed discussion topics, including:

- Transit-oriented development (TOD);
- Long- and short-term goals;
- Use of vacant parcels within the CRA;
- Use of available retail space;
- Transportation alternatives, including the Wave Streetcar;
- Branding and rebuilding of neighborhoods, and outreach to developers;
- Retail and ground-floor activation;
- Current and forthcoming strategic plans for the CRA;
- Infill housing;
- Arts and cultural events;
- Review of accomplished and existing goals;
- Assistance to existing businesses within the CRA;
- Addressing development through planning;
- Review of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) report.

Chair Lucas advised that he would organize the comments into broader topics including economic development and planning, community development, and transit/transportation alternatives. Mr. Battle suggested that the Agenda also include time for individuals with experience in retail and other types of business to address the Board and provide insight into the issues facing economic development within the CRA. The topics would be further discussed and prioritized at the next Board meeting.

V. Communication to CRA Board

Ms. Burrows recalled that at an earlier time, the Board had taken a field trip to view surplus City-owned properties located within the CRA. She explained that because the CRA Board has recently revisited this issue, she would like the Advisory Board to encourage them to consider transferring control of some properties to the CRA.

Mr. Battle noted that the City Commission plans to have another discussion of affordable housing policy at their March 17, 2015 meeting. The discussion will include disposal of surplus lots, and can be continued at the upcoming workshop with the Advisory Board.

Motion made by Ms. Burrows, seconded by Vice Chair Phillips, that the Advisory Board be a part of the property disposal process for those properties within the CRA boundaries. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Mr. Lagi advised that one surplus property within the Flagler Village neighborhood has been designated as a park by the Downtown Master Plan, although the recent surplus property report recommended the sale of this property. The Flagler Village Civic Association has submitted a petition in favor of using this parcel in accordance with the Downtown Master Plan. He distributed copies of the petition to the Board for review, noting that the subject property is located across the street from a mass transit hub within the CRA. Mr. Battle advised that this property would be included in the discussion proposed by Ms. Burrows' motion.

VI. Old / New Business

Chair Lucas invited the owner/developer of the proposed Shoney's restaurant at the corner of NW 7th Avenue to introduce himself to the Board at this time. Construction will begin in May 2015, and an advertising campaign is planned. A funding recommendation for the restaurant will be presented to the Board at the March meeting.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.